

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control apparatus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller;

5 judgment means for judging an external equipment
corresponding to the remote control signal; and

transmitting means for transmitting control data
corresponding to the remote control signal to the
external equipment judged.

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2. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface
based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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3. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a digital video
recorder.

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4. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

5. A control apparatus, comprising:

selection means for selecting an external
equipment;

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receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller; and
transmitting means for transmitting control data

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corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment selected.

6. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
5 wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

7. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
10 wherein said control apparatus is a digital video recorder.

8. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

9. A control method, comprising the steps of:
15 receiving a remote control signal transmitted from a remote control controller;
judging an external equipment corresponding to the remote control signal; and
20 transmitting control data corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment judged.

10. A control method according to claim 9, wherein the control data are transmitted to the external
25 equipment through a digital interface based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

